The two different technologies used in smoke detectors, ionization and photoelectric, have been available for 40 years. We know that photoelectric detectors sound the alarm much faster in slow-burning, smoldering types of fire.

See the dramatic difference in smoke alarm types at video.today.msnbc.msn.com/today/49269880

CHECK YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR STATUS!

☐ We have at least one detector on every level of our home.

☐ We have a detector outside every sleeping area and inside every bedroom.

☐ We checked the back label on each detector to know the date of manufacture. No detector in our home is more than 10 years old.

☐ We looked for “ionization” or “photoelectric” or “photo-ion” on the back label of each detector. We know the type of detectors we have!

☐ We have at least one photoelectric detector on each level of the home.

☐ Our detectors have “hush buttons” so we don’t ever have to remove a battery to silence a nuisance alarm.

☐ Our detectors have lithium batteries so we don’t have to replace the 9-volt batteries every year. Lithium batteries will last the life of the smoke detector.

☐ We test all of our detectors on the first day of every month to make sure they are still working!

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CALL Spokane Fire Prevention Bureau at 509.625.7058.
Take these steps now

Make a Home Fire Escape Plan
- Have 2 ways out!
- Have an outside meeting place for your family!
- Practice your plan!

Have Working and Properly Located Smoke Alarms
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every floor.
- Test your smoke alarms every month.
- When a smoke alarm sounds, get outside.
- Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years.

Learn “Hands Only” CPR
Two steps to save a life:
1. Call Right Away!
2. Push Hard & Fast in the Center of the Chest!
- Try to wake victim - Check for Breathing.
- If no Breathing - Have someone call 9-1-1.
- Push hard & Fast in Center of the Chest.
- Download the Pulse Point Mobile App

Make sure your address can be seen!
- At least 4 inch high numbers.
- Numbers color contrasts well.
- Use numbers vs. words.
- Bushes/ trees trimmed from numbers.

Are you and your family prepared?
- Do you need a fire escape ladder? Are basement windows large enough for an emergency exit?
- Assign a buddy to family members needing extra help.
- Double-key deadbolt locks and metal window bars have proven deadly.
- Remind everyone to crawl low below the smoke and quickly go out to the meeting place.
- Get out and stay out! Never go back into a burning building.
- Once everyone is at the meeting place, use a cell phone or send someone to call 9-1-1 from a neighbor’s house.

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